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SECTION II: REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the changes as noted above in Section I be made to the present application.

In the Office Action mailed 9/20/2006, claims 1, 3-5, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25 and 27 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Tettington (U.S. Patent 6,295,065, herein referred to as "Tettington"), claims 2, 7-10, 16 and 19-22 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Tettington in view of Vossler (U.S. Patent 6,115,177, herein referred to as "Vossler"), and claims 12 and 24 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Tettington in view of Lazzaro (U.S. Patent 6,456,432, herein referred to as "Lazzaro"), and claims 6, 14, 18 and 26 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The above noted rejections are respectfully traversed. However, in order to further the prosecution of the present application, and without waiving any of applicant's rights to argue the allowability of the originally presented claims in a subsequent appeal or other proceeding in the event that the Examiner does not concur that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance, applicant has herein amended the claims to include the indicated allowable subject matter, either directly or through dependence, in all of the amended claims as herein submitted thereby placing all of the claims in condition for allowance.

More specifically, in the above referenced Office Action, it was indicated that there were two "uniquely distinct features" which

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were considered to be allowable features. For reference purposes, the two features are herein referred to as the "authentication" feature as presented in original allowable claims 14 and 26 and the "decoy" feature as presented in original claims 6 and 18. All of the 28 claims as herein submitted have been amended to include, either directly or through dependence, either the "authentication" feature or the "decoy" feature which were indicated as being allowable subject matter.

More specifically, original claim 14, which included the allowable "authentication" feature, has been rewritten as amended claim 1 and is submitted to be in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2-13 ultimately depend from and include all of the limitations of claim 1, including the "authentication" feature, in addition to the even further limitations of the respective dependent claims. Thus claims 2-13 are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 14 has been rewritten as an independent method claim similar to claim 1 but including the "decoy" feature which was indicated as being allowable. Thus amended claim 14 is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Amended claim 15 now includes the substance of original claim 26, which included the allowable "authentication" feature, and is submitted to be in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 16-25 ultimately depend from and include all of the limitations of claim 15, including the "authentication" feature, in addition to the even further limitations of the respective dependent claims. Thus claims 16-25 are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

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Claim 26 has been rewritten as an independent medium claim similar to claim 15 but including the "decoy" feature which was indicated as being allowable. Thus amended claim 26 is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 27 has herein been amended to include the allowable "authentication" feature and is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

New independent claim 28 has been added to recite a system including the allowable "decoy" feature and is therefore submitted to be in condition for allowance.

The rejections discussed in pages 2-13 of the above-referenced Office Action, have been considered but not agreed with, and are considered moot in view of the inclusion of the designated allowable subject matter in all of the claims of the present application.

Therefore, as herein presented, claims 1-28 are believed to be in condition for allowance, an early notice of which is hereby requested. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions in order to expedite the allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below, prior to the issuance of another Office Action, in order to allow the applicant the opportunity to further amend the application by Supplemental Amendment or Examiner's Amendment, as may be appropriate, to place the application in condition for

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allowance. The Examiner's attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

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